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NUMBERS OF U.S.-SOVIET PARTICIPANTS (08.00)

REF: (A) STATE 85399, (B) MOSCOW 5929

1. DURING 19 APRIL MEETING AT MINPOWER, SCICOUNS REVIEWED
FOR SHAYNIKOV AND MAL'TSEV INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL A
ON NUMBERS OF SOVIET AND AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS IN ENERGY
AGREEMENT. AFTER PROVIDING NUMBERS FOR MHD PROJECT,
ENERGY JCM, AND ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES, SCICOUNS STATED
SUPPORT FOR SOVIET DESIRE FOR BALANCE IN COOPERATION,
NOTING THAT IT IS BEING ACHIEVED WHEN ONE SUBTRACTS OUT
THE MHD PROJECT, WHICH MUST REMAIN "UNBALANCED" IN NUMBERS
OF VISITS SO LONG AS SOVIETS POSSESS UNIQUE FACILITIES.
SCICOUNS OBSERVED THAT NO ONE DOUBTS THAT TECHNICAL
CONTEXT OF MHD IS BALANCED. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT
MIRROR-IMAGE SITUATION EXISTS IN ATOMIC ENERGY AGREEMENT'S
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GROUP ON FUNDAMENTAL PROPERTIES OF MATTER (07.01), IN
WHICH U.S. UNIQUE FACILITIES AT BATAVIA HAVE MEANT THAT,
DURING RECENT YEARS, NUMBER OF SOVIET SCIENTISTS TRAVELL-
ING TO U.S. HAS BEEN FAR GREATER THAN AMERICANS TO
THE U.S.S.R. SCICOUNS STATED THAT SUCH SITUATIONS ARE
TO BE EXPECTED IN DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION WHEN ONE
SIDE OR THE OTHER HAS A UNIQUE FACILITY.

2. SHAYNIKOV EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION, AND STATED THAT SOVIET GOAL IS TO ACHIEVE AS CLOSE TO A BALANCE AS POSSIBLE, SO AS TO BE ABLE TO REPORT SUCH AT THE NEXT JCM. WHEN SCICOUNS STATED THAT SUCH WOULD CERTAINLY BE THE CASE DISREGARDING THE MHD, SHAYNIKOV SMILED WANLY BUT DID NOT RESPOND.

3. COMMENT. THE REACTIONS OF SHAYNIKOV AND MAL'TSEV SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT THEY HAD DONE THE CALCULATIONS FOR TOTAL PARTICIPATION WITHOUT SEPARATING OUT THE SPECIAL SITUATION IN MHD. THE INFORMATION FROM REF A CLEARLY DEFLATED ANY ARGUMENT THEY MIGHT HAVE ADVANCED. EMBASSY MUCH APPRECIATES THE PROMPT AND THOROUGH DOE RESPONSE. TOON

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